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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	DEC. 1956
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,024	2,712	2,316
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....	43,700	45,505	38,850
Construction Contracts (\$1).....	2,209,554	2,221,074	N. A.
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	139,150	123,798	129,639
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	119,925	130,542	99,594
Industrial Production (FEB1947=100)	145.0	143.0	144.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	106.0	107.2	107.7
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	165.1	159.1	170.9
Newsprint Production (net tons).....	716,215	662,788	653,382
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....	672,492	462,814	690,072
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	71,289	7,050	7,335
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	71,700	76,000	59,500
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	140,090	133,335	118,505
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	11,301	10,828	10,838
Zinc Production (net tons).....	93,452	90,313	98,234
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	67,273	87,723	80,762
DEC. 1956	DEC. 1955	NOV. 1956	
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,836	6,882	6,533
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	631,507	859,125	880,533
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....†	60,055	57,996	57,820
Lead Production (prim. (net tons).....	54,062	50,448	50,744
Lead Shipments (prim. (net tons).....	44,191	48,171	47,349
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....	700,740	709,109	667,187
Tires - Production (units).....	6,816	7,616	7,616
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	7,548	7,515	7,488
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	N. A.	35,500	33,800

Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,836	6,882	6,533
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	631,507	852,135	880,549
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....†	60,055	57,986	57,820
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....	54,062	50,448	50,744
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....	44,191	48,171	47,349
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....	707,240	799,109	667,187
Tires - Production (units).....*	8,556	8,478	78,481
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	7,548	7,515	7,518
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	N. A.	35,500	33,800
	NOV. 1956	NOV. 1955	OCT. 1956
Cement Production (barrels).....*	25,874	24,894	29,051
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	22,705	21,682	31,354
Cigarette Production (units).....†	33,585	32,644	37,193
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	205,028	205,028	16,953
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	214,174	210,266	215,936
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	240,944	230,758	235,842

Cement Production (barrels).....	25,874	24,894	29,051
Cement Shipments (barrels).....	22,705	21,682	31,354
Cigarette Production (units).....	117,398	116,009	116,953
Gasoline Production (barrels).....	214,174	210,406	215,936
Petroleum Production (barrels).....	240,944	230,758	235,842

FINANCIAL:	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	DEC. 1956
Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$1).....	204,293	187,354	201,875
Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$1).....	76,460	69,675	77,495
Bank Debts, Outside N.Y.C. (\$1).....	127,833	117,678	124,380
Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. (\$1).....	94,060	94,044	124,985
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$1).....	1,430	1,080	1,640
Bond Sales, Municipal (\$1).....	637,299	406,800	427,298
Fire Losses (\$1).....	115,272	96,972	95,481
Life Insurance Sales (\$1).....	4,269	3,726	7,062
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....	48,161	47,197	46,422
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....	20,090	15,340	18,740
	DEC. 1956	DEC. 1955	NOV. 1956

Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$1).....	1,981,000	1,396,000	1,508,000
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$1).....	1,923,000	1,008,000	982,000
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1).....	871,049	858,251	887,605
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1).....	85,813	77,786	87,760
Retail Sales (\$1).....	19,532	19,268	16,639
Wholesale Sales (\$1).....	10,570	10,180	11,160
Manufacturing Sales (\$1).....	28,021	26,967	28,747
Retail Inventories (\$1).....	22,360	22,440	24,750
Wholesale Inventories (\$1).....	13,310	12,290	13,640
Manufacturing Inventories (\$1).....	51,633	46,123	50,979
(a) 000 Omitted. (b) 000,000 Omitted.			

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1954 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities				New York City			Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.				
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	103,253	96,104	87,462	80,946	51,411	47,789	45,004	42,599	51,842	48,314	42,458	38,347
February.....	82,375	80,589	76,130	70,866	.....	39,550	42,646	40,726	.....	42,825	37,943	35,264
March.....	95,734	95,249	90,883	84,160	.....	49,167	49,403	47,863	.....	46,508	45,846	43,160
April.....	91,098	83,559	82,815	77,378	.....	45,033	41,673	43,437	.....	45,035	41,678	39,278
May.....	96,005	86,047	79,771	73,366	.....	48,884	42,099	42,435	.....	49,020	43,948	37,336
June.....	96,069	91,966	80,211	74,645	.....	48,987	46,545	47,566	.....	47,082	45,421	41,645
July.....	94,463	83,362	83,729	78,522	.....	46,341	41,017	44,207	.....	48,122	42,345	39,522
August.....	93,323	86,995	82,817	76,472	.....	45,442	41,453	43,345	.....	47,882	45,345	39,447
September.....	85,266	86,612	80,283	74,706	.....	41,832	42,020	40,710	.....	43,434	41,992	39,773
October.....	105,190	90,642	83,176	77,172	.....	48,711	44,905	43,134	.....	51,479	45,737	41,092
November.....	93,716	88,603	84,476	78,800	.....	45,898	43,333	43,079	.....	47,816	45,270	41,347
December.....	100,171	97,510	98,823	91,395	.....	51,523	50,787	52,029	.....	48,648	46,724	45,895
Total.....	1,125,383	1,058,596	1,013,060	913,060	.....	559,157	530,883	532,029	.....	566,226	527,712	481,029

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1954 to Date

Summary of Failures and Liabilities												
	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities (000 Omitted)				Total Liabilities (000 Omitted)			
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954	1957	1956	1955	1954
January.....	1,148	1,048	939	867	\$54,060	\$42,890	\$37,872	\$29,592	\$54,825	\$43,712	\$39,000	\$29,906
February.....	1,024	877	926	906	49,189	42,056	47,774	47,774	49,436	42,194	47,909	47,909
March.....	1,170	1,038	1,102	1,102	49,622	41,209	57,280	57,280	43,843	41,289	57,746	57,746
April.....	985	903	975	975	41,871	35,968	42,512	42,512	46,999	40,360	46,999	46,999
May.....	1,164	955	943	943	59,901	34,714	38,494	38,494	60,334	34,840	39,098	39,098
June.....	1,105	914	965	965	43,013	36,667	41,613	41,613	43,293	37,171	41,615	41,615
July.....	1,018	861	856	856	49,689	32,543	32,230	32,230	48,713	32,706	32,725	32,725
August.....	1,101	888	912	912	55,040	36,028	32,582	32,582	55,363	36,425	32,718	32,718
September.....	932	822	811	811	39,313	33,120	36,381	36,381	39,820	33,148	37,727	37,727
October.....	1,158	919	871	871	50,004	34,777	29,000	29,000	50,343	34,777	29,308	29,308
November.....	999	945	933	933	39,886	42,783	35,067	35,067	40,285	43,073	36,780	36,780
December.....	982	908	917	917	50,279	41,643	40,103	40,103	50,358	42,008	40,925	40,925
Total.....	12,686	10,969	11,086	11,086	\$562,697	\$449,380	\$462,628	\$462,628	\$568,166	\$453,130	\$469,613	\$469,613

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—January 1957 and 1956

	(Thousands of dollars)			
	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	% CHANGE	DEC. 1956
Boston.....	3,179,571	2,970,842	+ 6.8	2,991,613
Philadelphia.....	5,791,000	5,380,000	+ 7.5	5,507,000
Buffalo.....	661,573	618,139	+ 7.5	616,701
Pittsburgh.....	2,201,283	1,974,710	+ 11.5	2,069,487
Cleveland.....	2,861,192	2,485,516	+ 15.1	2,533,611
Cincinnati.....	1,342,374	1,259,246	+ 6.6	1,301,024
Baltimore.....	1,658,851	1,534,415	+ 8.1	1,559,003
Richmond.....	920,774	859,731	+ 7.1	909,306
Atlanta.....	1,872,900	1,679,200	+ 11.5	1,698,300
New Orleans.....	1,042,608	878,352	+ 18.7	905,286
Memphis.....	651,192	592,900	+ 9.8	612,110
Chicago.....	5,232,695	4,949,916	+ 5.7	4,932,791
Detroit.....	3,547,010	3,452,594	+ 2.7	3,281,524
St. Louis.....	1,754,571	1,691,983	+ 3.7	1,653,931
Louisville.....	877,599	870,431	+ 0.8	933,550
Minneapolis.....	1,796,531	1,649,287	+ 8.9	1,680,832
Kansas City.....	1,897,175	1,772,288	+ 7.0	1,805,520
Omaha.....	686,999	658,071	+ 4.4	677,175
San Francisco.....	855,261	743,108	+ 15.1	818,201
Dallas.....	2,032,074	2,036,878	+ 7.1	1,954,492
Houston.....	1,930,166	1,835,449	+ 5.2	1,787,412
Los Angeles.....	4,124,528	4,000,954	+ 3.1	3,793,705
Portland, Ore.....	3,007,170	2,815,410	+ 6.8	2,950,466
Seattle.....	878,646	760,395	+ 15.6	830,276
Seattle.....	888,421	834,424	+ 6.5	824,832
Total 25 Cities.....	51,842,170	48,314,241	+ 7.3	48,647,950
New York.....	51,410,942	47,789,336	+ 7.6	51,523,233
Total 26 Cities.....	103,253,112	96,103,577	+ 7.4	100,171,183

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—12 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	12 MONTHS 1956	12 MONTHS 1955	% CHANGE	12 MONTHS 1954
Boston.....	35,356,606	32,472,727	+ 8.9	30,851,376
Philadelphia.....	69,714,000	59,952,000	+ 7.9	57,147,000
Pittsburgh.....	7,142,226	6,648,797	+ 7.4	6,028,928
Cleveland.....	23,631,698	21,142,526	+ 11.8	19,136,875
Cincinnati.....	29,267,101	26,426,616	+ 10.7	23,296,779
Baltimore.....	14,668,958	13,589,420	+ 7.9	12,617,756
Richmond.....	19,309,877	17,071,914	+ 7.3	15,501,951
Atlanta.....	10,193,858	9,732,684	+ 4.7	9,143,190
New Orleans.....	19,420,842	18,709,500	+ 3.8	16,597,500
Memphis.....	10,347,638	9,355,086	+ 10.6	8,679,601
Chicago.....	7,101,125	6,650,165	+ 6.8	6,288,966
Detroit.....	57,473,490	52,818,527	+ 8.8	48,528,411
St. Louis.....	38,388,304	36,364,754	+ 5.6	31,393,549
Louisville.....	19,222,957	18,481,105	+ 4.0	17,450,330
Minneapolis.....	10,158,850	9,637,123	+ 5.4	8,729,191
Kansas City.....	19,727,271	18,496,865	+ 6.7	17,436,146
Denver.....	20,713,843	20,057,800	+ 3.3	18,777,279
San Francisco.....	7,787,405	7,722,042	+ 0.8	7,998,741
Dallas.....	9,429,552	8,502,927	+ 10.9	7,607,610
Houston.....	22,672,477	21,678,569	+ 4.6	19,353,106
Los Angeles.....	20,724,092	19,199,929	+ 7.9	16,917,755
Portland, Ore.....	46,165,115	42,818,633	+ 7.8	36,745,364
Seattle.....	33,794,915	31,492,157	+ 7.3	28,019,576
Seattle.....	9,984,176	9,287,777	+ 7.5	8,227,133
Seattle.....	9,830,063	9,402,418	+ 4.6	8,536,549
Total 25 Cities.....	566,226,439	527,712,061	+ 7.3	481,030,875
New York.....	559,156,702	530,883,498	+ 5.3	532,029,472
Total 26 Cities.....	1,125,383,141	1,058,595,559	+ 6.3	1,013,060,347

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Groups	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	JAN. 1956
ALL COMMODITIES.....	116.9	116.2	115.9	111.9
Farm Products.....	89.3	88.9	87.9	84.1
Processed Foods.....	104.3	103.1	103.6	98.3
All Commodities Other Than				
Farm Products and Foods.....	125.2	124.7	124.2	120.4
Textile Products and Apparel.....	95.8	95.0	95.4	95.7
Hides, Skins and Leather Products.....	98.4	99.2	99.8	96.7
Fuel, Power and Lighting Materials.....	115.9	114.0	111.2	111.0
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	108.7	108.3	108.2	106.3
Rubber and Rubber Products.....	144.6	147.9	146.9	146.4
Lumber and Wood Products.....	121.4	121.0	121.5	126.3
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products.....	128.6	128.0	127.8	124.8
Metals and Metal Products.....	152.4	152.3	152.1	145.1
Machinery and Motive Products.....	143.9	143.6	143.4	133.3
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	121.8	121.2	121.1	118.0
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	131.9	131.3	131.2	127.0
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottled Beverages.....	124.0	123.6	123.5	121.7
Miscellaneous.....	93.2	91.7	91.2	89.6

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Groups	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	JAN. 1956
ALL ITEMS.....	118.2	118.0	117.8	114.6
Food.....	112.8	112.9	112.9	109.2
Housing.....	123.8	123.5	123.0	120.6
Apparel.....	106.4	107.0	107.0	104.1
Transportation.....	133.6	133.1	133.2	126.8
Medical Care.....	135.3	134.7	134.5	130.7
Personal Care.....	122.1	121.8	121.4	118.5
Reading and Recreation.....	109.9	109.3	109.0	107.3
Other Goods and Services.....	123.8	123.3	123.2	120.8

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1955 to Date

	1957	1956	1955
Jan. 1.....	\$6.13	Jan. 3.....	\$5.95
Jan. 8.....	6.10	Jan. 11.....	5.95
Jan. 15.....	6.13	Jan. 17.....	5.86
Jan. 22.....	6.14	Jan. 24.....	5.89
Jan. 29.....	6.16	Jan. 31.....	5.95
Feb. 5.....	6.13	Feb. 7.....	5.90
Feb. 12.....	6.13	Feb. 14.....	5.94
Feb. 19.....	6.12	Feb. 21.....	5.93
Feb. 26.....	6.11	Feb. 28.....	5.95
Mar. 5.....	6.11	Mar. 6.....	5.94
Mar. 12.....	6.11	Mar. 13.....	5.95
Mar. 19.....	6.11	Mar. 20.....	5.93
Mar. 26.....	6.11	Mar. 27.....	5.89
Apr. 2.....	6.11	Apr. 3.....	5.96
Apr. 9.....	6.11	Apr. 10.....	5.96
Apr. 16.....	6.11	Apr. 17.....	6.01
Apr. 23.....	6.11	Apr. 24.....	6.04
Apr. 30.....	6.11	May 1.....	6.04
May 7.....	6.11	May 8.....	6.03
May 14.....	6.11	May 15.....	6.14
May 21.....	6.11	May 22.....	6.11
May 28.....	6.11	May 29.....	6.11
June 4.....	6.11	June 5.....	6.18
June 11.....	6.11	June 12.....	6.14
June 18.....	6.11	June 19.....	6.09
June 25.....	6.11	June 26.....	6.03
July 2.....	6.11	July 3.....	6.05
July 9.....	6.11	July 10.....	6.05
July 16.....	6.11	July 17.....	6.01
July 23.....	6.11	July 24.....	6.08
July 30.....	6.11	July 31.....	6.08
Aug. 6.....	6.11	Aug. 7.....	6.10
Aug. 13.....	6.11	Aug. 14.....	6.08
Aug. 20.....	6.11	Aug. 21.....	6.09
Aug. 27.....	6.11	Aug. 28.....	6.04
Sept. 3.....	6.11	Sept. 4.....	6.05
Sept. 10.....	6.11	Sept. 11.....	6.07
Sept. 17.....	6.11	Sept. 18.....	6.06
Sept. 24.....	6.11	Sept. 25.....	6.08
Oct. 1.....	6.11	Oct. 2.....	6.00
Oct. 8.....	6.11	Oct. 9.....	5.97
Oct. 15.....	6.11	Oct. 16.....	6.01
Oct. 22.....	6.11	Oct. 23.....	5.97
Oct. 29.....	6.11	Oct. 30.....	5.96
Nov. 5.....	6.11	Nov. 6.....	5.95
Nov. 12.....	6.11	Nov. 13.....	6.01
Nov. 19.....	6.11	Nov. 20.....	6.10
Nov. 26.....	6.11	Nov. 27.....	6.10
Dec. 3.....	6.11	Dec. 4.....	6.14
Dec. 10.....	6.11	Dec. 11.....	6.18
Dec. 17.....	6.11	Dec. 18.....	6.15
Dec. 24.....	6.11	Dec. 25.....	6.12
Dec. 31.....	6.11		
Average.....		Average.....	\$6.03
		Average.....	\$6.34

Notes: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

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United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

BASE YEAR	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	OCT. 1956	SEPT. 1956	DEC. 1955
U. S. (B.L.S.).....1947-49	116.3	115.9	115.6	115.5	111.3
Canada.....1935-39	228.1	226.6	227.1	227.4	221.5
Australia.....1953	113.0	112.0	112.0	111.0	106.0
Brazil.....1953	108.0	109.0	108.0	107.0	110.0
Costa Rica.....1953	110.0	108.0	107.0	106.0	106.0
Denmark.....1953	107.0	107.0	104.0	103.0	98.0
Finland.....1953	104.0	103.0	102.0	102.0	100.0
France.....1953	109.0	109.0	106.0	107.0	94.0
India.....1953	106.0	105.0	104.0	104.0	98.0
Italy.....1953	112.0	111.0	110.0	110.0	103.0
Japan.....1953	98.0	96.0	95.0	98.0	92.0
Philippines.....1953					
	NOV. 1956	OCT. 1956	SEPT. 1956	AUG. 1956	NOV. 1955
Australia.....1953	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	104.0
Belgium.....1953	106.0	104.0	103.0	103.0	101.0
Brazil.....1953	188.0	186.0	186.0	183.0	153.0
Cuba.....1953	96.0	97.0	97.0	98.0	95.0
Dominican Republic.....1953	97.0	94.0	94.0	97.0	96.0
Germany.....1953	104.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	101.0
Greece.....1953	132.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	123.0
Guatemala.....1953	103.0	103.0	101.0	100.0	103.0
Italy.....1953	103.0	102.0	101.0	101.0	102.0
Lebanon.....1953	97.0	97.0	98.0	98.0	96.0
Mexico.....1953	129.0	128.0	129.0	129.0	129.0
Morocco.....1953	100.0	100.0	99.0	97.0	96.0
Netherlands.....1953	105.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	102.0
Peru.....1953	129.0	128.0	128.0	121.0	96.0
Portugal.....1953	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0
Spain.....1953	114.0	114.0	113.0	107.0	107.0
Sweden.....1953	109.0	109.0	108.0	109.0	106.0
Switzerland.....1953	105.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	101.0
Turkey.....1953	130.0	130.0	131.0	125.0	96.0
Union South Africa.....1953	106.0	106.0	106.0	105.0	105.0
U. K. (B.L.S.).....1953	109.0	107.0	108.0	107.0	106.0
Venezuela.....1953	102.0	100.0	101.0	103.0	103.0

	FEB. 1957	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	OCT. 1956
1.....	294.89	299.78	299.78	294.16	297.64
2.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
3.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
4.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
5.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
6.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
7.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
8.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
9.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
10.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
11.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
12.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
13.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
14.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
15.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
16.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
17.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
18.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
19.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
20.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
21.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
22.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
23.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
24.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
25.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
26.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
27.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
28.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
29.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
30.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
31.....	299.78	300.04	301.27	294.28	297.64
(a) Holiday					
(b) Sunday					
	High	Low			
1957.....	300.82	Jan. 15	290.93	Feb. 18	
1956.....	301.71	Nov. 30	278.79	Jan. 17	
1955.....	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3	
1954.....	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30	
1953.....	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8	

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	JANUARY 1957	JANUARY 1956	DECEMBER 1956		JANUARY 1957	JANUARY 1956	DECEMBER 1956
New England:				South Atlantic:			
Boston, Mass.....	\$1,489,900	\$3,150,931	\$832,200	Asheville, N. C.....	\$234,850	\$117,715	\$136,110
Bridgeport, Conn.....	636,025	716,380	3,134,165	Atlanta, Ga.....	4,441,940	4,007,423	4,149,263
Bristol, Conn.....	158,315	397,100	265,440	Augusta, Ga.....	474,891	292,711	426,454
Brookline, Mass.....	62,800	412,920	203,250	Baltimore, Md.....	6,908,050	4,405,788	4,462,236
Cambridge, Mass.....	529,885	70,840	318,455	Charleston, S. C.....	217,305	160,023	100,829
Chelsea, Mass.....	15,500	73,060	13,390	Charlotte, N. C.....	1,195,028	2,189,972	910,489
Everett, Mass.....	150,530	59,680	38,586	Coral Gables, Fla.....	1,031,870	955,947	667,785
Fall River, Mass.....	241,550	66,000	35,750	Greensboro, N. C.....	2,120,624	774,835	481,956
Fitchburg, Mass.....	314,300	57,200	189,600	Greenville, S. C.....	189,500	894,406	501,613
Greenwich, Conn.....	555,571	724,140	620,190	Jacksonville, Fla.....	2,105,505	2,467,889	1,757,039
Hartford, Conn.....	4,923,795	981,233	2,205,713	Lynchburg, Va.....	380,800	494,955	423,145
Haverhill, Mass.....	531,875	22,475	63,850	Macon, Ga.....	364,631	348,680	1,018,213
Holyoke, Mass.....	835,525	26,850	21,600	Miami, Fla.....	4,893,084	3,778,088	3,494,326
Lawrence, Mass.....	35,350	132,420	223,875	Miami Beach, Fla.....	979,117	880,549	3,044,565
Lowell, Mass.....	66,710	105,250	138,145	Norfolk, Va.....	819,727	753,670	1,120,790
Lynn, Mass.....	236,700	200,300	226,100	Richmond, Va.....	1,336,485	1,473,964	5,391,104
Manchester, N. H.....	338,165	553,129	156,330	Roanoke, Va.....	515,858	1,402,733	1,247,819
Medford, Mass.....	32,500	92,710	79,000	Savannah, Ga.....	210,800	351,234	303,000
New Bedford, Mass.....	84,161	1,193,934	137,860	Tampa, Fla.....	4,472,315	3,315,580	2,229,654
New Britain, Conn.....	199,300	279,650	299,500	Washington, D. C.....	4,843,458	3,528,267	2,735,346
New Haven, Conn.....	340,427	651,899	176,935	Winston Salem, N. C.	1,319,097	705,329	270,211
Newton, Mass.....	242,725	100,060	1,447,875				
Norwalk, Conn.....	742,275	396,970	421,980	Total So. Atlantic...			
Portland, Me.....	166,450	194,940	176,000		\$39,121,588	\$33,361,776	\$34,875,447
Providence, R. I.....	453,550	302,100	617,750	East Central:			
Quincy, Mass.....	46,570	218,771	541,087	Akron, Ohio.....	\$994,743	\$3,889,362	\$1,389,881
Salem, Mass.....	219,700	101,770	62,750	Bay City, Mich.....	179,551	216,948	382,706
Somerville, Mass.....	63,435	24,225	16,915	Berwyn, Ills.....	92,800	130,699	309,160
Springfield, Mass.....	820,770	3,094,206	536,491	Bluefield, W. Va.....	26,200	11,745	176,420
Stamford, Conn.....	1,301,955	1,173,750	606,010	Canton, Ohio.....	845,729	284,940	105,525
Waterbury, Conn.....	200,150	310,750	227,750	Chicago, Ills.....	24,878,734	25,809,385	20,492,899
West Hartford, Conn.....	959,765	472,557	1,056,213	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5,056,735	2,977,670	5,878,485
Worcester, Mass.....	90,750	627,150	388,030	Clarksburg, W. Va.....	21,640	44,706	9,400
				Cleveland, Ohio.....	2,415,300	6,699,800	2,247,100
Total New England...	\$17,087,185	\$16,985,356	\$15,309,815	Columbus, Ohio.....	2,620,450	2,069,950	5,002,575
Middle Atlantic:				Dayton, Ohio.....	682,020	1,481,720	1,481,720
Manhattan, N. Y.....	\$14,328,159	\$31,610,298	\$1,670,800	Detroit, Mich.....	5,528,409	8,288,264	6,690,799
Manhattan, N. Y.....	7,203,900	2,397,350	2,364,000	East St. Louis, Ills.....	79,993	292,600	112,600
Bronx.....	2,840,500	5,241,700	4,546,300	Evanston, Ills.....	340,500	1,089,008	787,100
Bronx.....	1,331,450	455,480	393,350	Evensville, Ind.....	143,740	122,110	96,385
Brooklyn.....	8,271,600	3,909,600	14,284,591	Flint, Mich.....	1,985,665	2,290,510	2,261,170
Brooklyn.....	2,574,395	2,430,110	644,000	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	1,227,322	1,506,356	532,179
Queens.....	12,667,490	13,329,381	19,680,100	Gary, Ind.....	972,200	778,456	2,722,760
Queens.....	553,845	1,529,075	4,733,324	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	303,575	407,770	547,535
Richmond.....	967,700	760,250	895,200	Green Bay, Wisc.....	215,967	355,609	595,266
Richmond.....	44,500	40,705	23,350	Hammond, Ind.....	607,337	1,354,106	2,891,047
				Huntington, W. Va.....	258,950	195,612	148,850
Total N. Y. City.....	\$50,783,539	\$61,715,949	\$49,355,515	Indianapolis, Ind.....	1,336,949	2,394,002	2,253,515
(w) New York.....	(t) Alterations.....			Lansing, Mich.....	191,381	692,975	837,365
Albany, N. Y.....	\$953,496	395,595	\$425,181	Lima, Ohio.....	117,150	93,075	176,425
Albany, N. Y.....	802,380	2,260,150	293,725	Louisville, Ky.....	598,429	1,274,713	518,035
Altoona, Pa.....	111,440	82,235	156,675	Madison, Wisc.....	341,100	301,410	520,100
Atlantic City, N. J.....	117,233	1,059,409	916,257	Milwaukee, Wisc.....	5,201,281	4,858,957	4,550,584
Auburn, N. Y.....	35,400	111,359	28,200	Newark, Ohio.....	97,075	121,760	90,825
Bayonne, N. J.....	235,940	94,875	116,500	Oak Park, Ills.....	2,237,080	113,520	218,078
Binghamton, N. Y.....	107,975	56,779	50,111	Peoria, Ills.....	432,688	266,207	807,005
Buffalo, N. Y.....	584,777	618,190	1,503,046	Pontiac, Mich.....	262,410	484,083	76,614
Camden, N. J.....	445,321	146,752	119,366	Quincy, Ills.....	159,170	125,115	61,870
East Orange, N. J.....	85,825	195,140	372,240	Racine, Wisc.....	1,298,720	1,041,638	790,475
Elizabeth, N. J.....	654,325	388,455	130,290	Rockford, Ills.....	683,450	1,276,490	1,814,360
Elmira, N. Y.....	27,778	22,925	71,440	Saginaw, Mich.....	231,241	289,042	345,409
Erle, Pa.....	480,950	395,210	792,150	South Bend, Ind.....	955,945	618,406	517,871
Harrisburg, Pa.....	492,811	307,407	768,090	Springfield, Ills.....	73,900	163,654	297,820
Jameson, N. Y.....	284,087	29,330	95,477	Superior, Wisc.....	366,080	109,800	637,325
Jersey City, N. J.....	7,444,927	223,350	92,000	Terre Haute, Ind.....	37,869	165,485	38,245
Lancaster, Pa.....	61,506	108,473	462,969	Toledo, Ohio.....	1,177,950	831,150	1,086,570
Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	59,763	830,204	81,144	Waukegan, Ills.....	293,310	708,280	1,274,661
Newark, N. J.....	1,778,425	3,973,535	2,367,275	Wheeling, W. Va.....	371,252	438,726	804,649
New Brunswick, N. J.....	88,835	87,900	235,900	Youngstown, Ohio.....	910,033	1,645,989	653,713
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	133,848	542,072	768,658	Zanesville, Ohio.....	134,100	35,850	6,000
Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	687,745	604,390	1,014,598				
Philadelphia, Pa.....	7,411,080	6,694,320	5,123,940	Total East Central...			
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	2,439,470	1,310,136	1,429,338		\$67,022,799	\$78,804,553	\$70,965,271
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	50,000	175,225	100,600	South Central:			
Reading, Pa.....	317,018	228,653	154,191	Abilene, Texas.....	\$887,290	\$1,811,509	\$470,817
Roxbury, N. Y.....	693,975	333,670	750,804	Amarillo, Texas.....	3,730,019	1,791,175	2,597,006
Schenectady, N. Y.....	1,209,823	109,951	29,960	Austin, Texas.....	5,580,211	3,592,205	2,549,849
Scranton, Pa.....	221,825	823,720	1,460,705	Beaumont, Texas.....	1,346,583	5,208,114	538,210
Syracuse, N. Y.....	481,780	1,047,350	471,380	Birmingham, Ala.....	4,090,635	3,142,186	3,846,479
Troy, N. Y.....	113,287	11,000	22,930	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	847,777	889,045	356,225
Utica, N. Y.....	29,225	49,000	51,535	Dallas, Texas.....	8,544,248	24,153,925	7,870,009
Waterford, N. Y.....	20,100	103,815	24,978	El Paso, Texas.....	1,767,685	2,797,336	1,811,222
White Plains, N. Y.....	518,322	1,252,550	1,585,000	Fort Smith, Ark.....	814,422	558,211	4,378,829
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	29,022	109,214	18,285	Fort Worth, Texas.....	6,783,104	2,346,175	826,002
Williamsport, Pa.....	317,842	93,701	43,036	Galveston, Texas.....	122,506	369,703	8,510,382
Wilmington, Del.....	448,304	553,437	1,469,489	Houston, Texas.....	28,325,731	10,145,665	523,071
Yonkers, N. Y.....	1,271,390	903,948	568,191	Jackson, Miss.....	944,397	713,915	136,266
York, Pa.....	110,702	148,106	470,556	Little Rock, Ark.....	516,460	680,702	422,462
				Memphis, Tenn.....	1,957,864	4,384,751	3,209,823
Total Middle Atl.....	\$31,430,002	\$88,111,540	\$73,991,725	Mobile, Ala.....	2,221,822	1,116,722	1,391,804

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	JANUARY 1957	JANUARY 1956	DECEMBER 1956		JANUARY 1957	JANUARY 1956	DECEMBER 1956
So. Cent. (Cont.)				Mountains			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$836,581	\$1,108,997	\$519,415	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$2,900,905	\$4,276,488	\$1,524,188
Muskogee, Okla.....	150,050	64,050	370,350	Billings, Mont.....	75,400	126,000	133,100
Nashville, Tenn.....	393,018	1,641,911	4,287,080	Boise, Idaho.....	236,648	281,961	235,442
New Orleans, La.....	6,284,740	8,059,778	4,338,333	Butte, Mont.....	518,250	29,719	21,654
Oklahoma City, Okla..	1,793,085	2,964,833	1,330,864	Colorado Springs, Col.	749,665	1,665,278	683,515
Port Arthur, Texas....	494,560	351,519	277,046	Denver, Col.....	4,486,150	8,722,403	8,663,370
San Angelo, Texas....	476,085	663,075	380,522	Great Falls, Mont....	297,421	386,606	96,331
San Antonio, Texas...	3,337,173	6,162,832	4,727,171	Ogden, Utah.....	173,400	305,800	177,900
Shreveport, La.....	4,836,068	2,635,544	2,671,909	Phoenix, Ariz.....	1,467,850	1,171,256	1,758,629
Tulsa, Okla.....	1,265,697	1,821,250	1,476,645	Pueblo, Col.....	1,102,065	367,652	642,270
Waco, Texas.....	495,726	1,032,400	812,191	Salt Lake City, Utah..	359,584	1,237,551	716,005
Wichita Falls, Texas..	662,623	633,614	444,364	Tucson, Ariz.....	1,038,355	885,242	1,046,075
Total So. Central...	\$90,388,169	\$90,327,695	\$61,387,779	Total Mountain.....	\$13,405,693	\$19,455,956	\$15,900,479
West Central:				Pacific:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$367,786	\$1,370,435	\$878,546	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$879,305	\$1,785,776	\$331,688
Dayton, Ohio.....	574,015	234,610	1,123,959	Berkeley, Cal.....	942,781	657,718	554,094
Des Moines, Iowa.....	485,458	654,825	1,262,544	Beverly Hills, Cal..	876,860	546,406	664,426
Dubuque, Iowa.....	494,560	64,650	211,818	Fresno, Cal.....	990,212	1,086,495	960,245
Duluth, Minn.....	139,873	291,915	192,403	Glendale, Cal.....	1,209,822	2,847,514	445,205
Fargo, N. D.....	158,600	37,025	170,825	Long Beach, Cal....	4,422,110	2,477,040	16,172,540
Kansas City, Kas....	668,657	1,049,479	1,859,860	Los Angeles, Cal....	37,150,330	40,100,044	37,761,724
Kansas City, Mo.....	2,559,000	3,062,000	2,441,000	Oakland, Cal.....	4,422,327	2,215,897	3,602,748
Lincoln, Neb.....	207,776	576,102	227,111	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,105,573	1,555,659	983,600
Minneapolis, Minn....	2,028,983	1,285,046	1,368,913	Portland, Ore.....	4,852,555	3,499,560	2,529,680
Omaha, Neb.....	1,519,557	1,536,200	1,161,623	Sacramento, Cal....	2,654,825	5,953,771	1,562,883
St. Joseph, Mo.....	130,100	93,600	233,519	San Diego, Cal.....	14,392,635	3,999,674	11,437,305
St. Louis, Mo.....	3,572,160	1,627,223	1,936,908	San Francisco, Cal..	5,086,441	9,608,039	4,204,228
St. Paul, Minn.....	1,478,622	1,212,152	1,592,617	San Jose, Cal.....	3,729,444	3,470,165	2,444,173
Sioux City, Iowa.....	88,900	268,700	161,250	Seattle, Wash.....	4,701,070	5,246,295	5,246,295
Sioux Falls, S. D....	224,467	328,182	327,445	Spokane, Wash.....	507,303	1,820,990	5,981,082
Topeka, Kas.....	621,270	386,810	338,425	Stockton, Cal.....	744,324	751,187	478,378
Wichita, Kas.....	1,375,925	2,148,631	2,105,197	Tacoma, Wash.....	1,571,239	1,010,192	1,370,845
Total West Central..	\$16,699,709	\$16,227,585	\$17,593,663	Total Pacific.....	\$90,055,712	\$88,083,197	\$96,331,149
				Total 217 Cities....	\$415,994,396	\$431,357,658	\$386,355,828

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	12 MONTHS 1956	12 MONTHS 1955	12 MONTHS 1954		12 MONTHS 1956	12 MONTHS 1955	12 MONTHS 1954
New England:				Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Boston, Mass.....	\$46,692,641	\$37,990,823	\$31,054,401	Auburn, N. Y.....	\$3,561,641	\$2,122,832	\$1,847,084
Bridgeton, Conn.....	19,225,648	11,393,096	6,677,803	Bayonne, N. J.....	1,627,415	1,976,507	1,612,174
Bristol, Conn.....	6,165,039	4,617,629	4,638,151	Binghamton, N. Y...	3,053,996	4,488,969	3,849,350
Brockton, Mass.....	11,018,663	7,248,519	4,482,891	Buffalo, N. Y.....	37,619,428	25,870,537	21,187,705
Cambridge, Mass.....	7,499,589	11,187,653	4,013,301	Camden, N. J.....	6,811,392	7,909,766	11,582,963
Chelsea, Mass.....	935,663	461,737	406,098	East Orange, N. J...	6,051,387	3,103,165	4,206,784
Everett, Mass.....	1,296,724	3,399,990	1,675,231	Elizabeth, N. J.....	6,111,010	5,641,713	5,409,333
Fall River, Mass.....	3,686,492	2,087,772	1,970,702	Elmira, N. Y.....	1,591,914	3,583,202	3,638,968
Fitchburg, Mass.....	3,275,256	1,655,490	3,523,929	Erie, Pa.....	11,913,638	14,940,753	15,240,648
Greenwich, Conn.....	14,571,477	16,317,525	14,196,802	Harrisburg, Pa.....	7,016,506	11,046,158	15,756,675
Hartford, Conn.....	17,840,135	30,241,969	15,295,702	James town, N. Y...	2,843,579	5,631,744	2,782,712
Haverhill, Mass.....	1,793,544	2,269,270	1,231,575	Jersey City, N. J...	9,541,633	5,632,415	3,441,975
Holyoke, Mass.....	10,024,790	2,618,025	1,686,775	Lancaster, Pa.....	5,581,896	3,397,400	5,824,002
Lawrence, Mass.....	3,608,613	2,325,853	1,380,126	Mount Vernon, N. Y.	4,482,758	5,077,016	3,002,256
Lowell, Mass.....	4,622,859	5,654,510	3,749,550	Newark, N. J.....	24,925,941	13,411,409	27,571,260
Lynn, Mass.....	4,440,399	3,570,560	4,107,748	New Brunswick, N. J.	3,068,518	6,416,462	2,174,914
Manchester, N. H....	7,439,898	9,483,913	7,730,416	New Rochelle, N. Y.	8,744,094	20,744,957	12,727,699
Medford, Mass.....	1,651,059	1,998,063	1,779,615	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	11,524,601	9,383,894	11,671,173
New Bedford, Mass...	5,380,443	3,356,811	4,736,735	Philadelphia, Pa....	133,910,293	147,171,090	137,508,800
New Britain, Conn...	6,458,925	7,205,230	4,919,705	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	34,640,588	55,029,015	34,255,692
New Haven, Conn....	9,380,680	13,420,189	14,721,369	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4,390,530	3,181,456	1,869,282
Newton, Mass.....	7,976,211	7,297,115	11,878,612	Reading, Pa.....	7,567,983	6,468,320	5,038,055
Norwalk, Conn.....	11,756,893	13,924,248	10,727,482	Rochester, N. Y....	15,270,626	20,062,422	16,679,091
Portland, Me.....	6,804,306	5,764,797	5,808,486	Schenectady, N. Y...	4,527,399	3,530,130	4,246,045
Providence, R. I.....	15,702,650	6,078,000	4,951,900	Scranton, Pa.....	5,606,060	3,443,642	2,717,862
Quincy, Mass.....	4,264,734	6,239,901	4,837,218	Syracuse, N. Y.....	19,545,258	18,441,750	16,226,069
Salem, Mass.....	5,314,918	2,834,401	1,927,597	Troy, N. Y.....	1,955,772	1,633,741	1,390,511
Somerville, Mass....	1,473,469	1,862,826	2,616,200	Utica, N. Y.....	6,204,737	3,973,270	4,605,331
Springfield, Mass...	13,736,618	14,972,357	14,642,561	Water town, N. Y...	2,036,818	1,375,392	772,285
Stamford, Conn.....	20,986,222	23,455,450	21,496,355	White Plains, N. Y.	15,624,376	7,625,756	6,375,783
Waterbury, Conn....	11,133,035	8,237,184	6,974,867	Wilkes Barre, Pa...	2,231,804	2,252,137	3,160,687
West Hartford, Conn.	20,704,211	15,517,502	16,988,051	Wilmington, Del....	2,057,850	1,885,077	1,711,646
Worcester, Mass.....	8,339,129	18,421,449	10,514,692	Yonkers, N. Y.....	10,000,518	10,706,666	8,205,342
Total New England...	\$315,299,033	\$304,402,757	\$248,442,646	York, Pa.....	2,384,392	2,790,734	3,503,198
Middle Atlantic:				Total Middle Atl....	41,356,167,668	\$1,157,696,405	\$981,736,204
Manhattan.....*	\$411,323,765	\$268,203,825*	\$154,957,891	South Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....†	37,597,102	32,346,825	43,468,738	Asheville, N. C....	\$6,041,489	\$3,397,658	\$3,564,877
Bronx.....*	85,347,864	72,723,828	42,620,162	Atlanta, Ga.....	59,328,645	76,564,008	87,541,690
Bronx.....†	6,715,200	8,731,373	10,523,080	Augusta, Ga.....	4,862,571	8,103,526	3,887,879
Brooklyn.....*	117,696,107	94,759,290	100,371,788	Baltimore, Md.....	76,773,172	104,728,190	89,122,692
Brooklyn.....†	25,584,930	19,115,017	21,212,410	Charlotte, N. C....	3,281,144	26,300,152	22,104,406
Queens.....*	135,752,110	136,954,947	147,845,261	Coral Gables, Fla...	11,059,881	14,135,207	16,453,854
Queens.....†	20,030,566	19,838,362	13,529,379	Greensboro, N. C...	13,601,882	11,276,971	11,082,050
Richmond.....*	16,802,629	17,766,980	10,297,912	Greenville, S. C....	6,003,836	7,328,448	7,710,501
Richmond.....†	4,759,235	2,022,970	1,743,528	Jacksonville, Fla...	18,310,454	24,767,773	41,208,690
Total New York City.	\$861,609,508	\$667,463,417*	\$546,570,149	Lynchburg, Va.....	8,863,432	11,874,336	8,894,483
(*) Alterations.				Macon, Ga.....	6,651,204	2,814,617	8,506,427
Albany, N. Y.....	\$11,479,309	\$15,395,892	\$6,999,500	Miami, Fla.....	52,512,931	48,818,033	49,019,186
Allentown, Pa.....	13,602,025	12,735,290	9,175,735	Miami Beach, Fla...	18,820,006	23,536,015	18,445,930
Altoona, Pa.....	3,297,187	2,348,958	1,961,781	Norfolk, Va.....	24,308,199	14,280,444	12,347,261
Atlantic City, N. J.	4,160,297	1,631,458	2,437,649				
		(†) Revised.					

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	12 MONTHS 1956	12 MONTHS 1955	12 MONTHS 1954		12 MONTHS 1956	12 MONTHS 1955	12 MONTHS 1954
South Atl. (Cont.)				South Cent. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.....	\$28,774,652	\$23,696,748	\$32,108,929	Mobile, Ala.....	\$16,987,724	\$14,688,447	\$13,523,010
Roanoke, Va.....	20,199,872	14,493,958	11,029,917	Montgomery, Ala.....	12,572,225	15,856,266	20,505,226
Savannah, Ga.....	4,515,448	5,494,220	9,508,344	Muskogee, Okla.....	3,802,575	1,658,684	897,763
Tampa, Fla.....	47,295,417	49,269,566	40,944,437	Nashville, Tenn.....	24,339,837	21,663,100	10,101,331
Washington, D. C.....	60,160,495	67,604,087	55,687,881	New Orleans, La.....	83,040,240	98,899,169	54,946,128
Winston Salem, N. C.	15,962,853	11,476,239	12,506,227	Oklahoma City, Okla.	45,843,756	42,863,278	48,515,918
Total South Atl.....	\$513,267,267	\$552,992,385	\$544,619,773	Port Arthur, Texas...	5,093,997	5,267,669	3,614,570
East Central:				San Angelo, Texas...	6,052,345	7,573,160	8,264,571
Akron, Ohio.....	\$41,098,209	\$33,070,982	\$30,102,614	San Antonio, Texas...	60,549,675	59,250,190	58,307,589
Bay City, Mich.....	5,343,326	4,760,714	4,144,332	Shreveport, La.....	27,722,284	35,357,955	30,259,109
Berwyn, Ills.....	4,025,906	7,432,272	4,559,386	Tulsa, Okla.....	20,371,333	23,405,352	19,611,905
Bluefield, W. Va.....	1,138,836	1,410,420	920,840	Waco, Texas.....	16,381,304	14,510,127	14,586,133
Canton, Ohio.....	8,307,061	7,583,918	6,595,394	Wichita Falls, Texas...	10,053,257	13,901,886	10,448,130
Chicago, Ills.....	329,637,404	262,801,077	229,881,300	Total South Cent....	\$944,407,004	\$984,465,943	\$919,341,516
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	62,841,175	57,644,290	53,772,510	West Central:			
Clarksburg, W. Va....	1,777,649	1,853,242	1,876,238	Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$20,885,024	\$15,739,897	\$11,976,598
Cleveland, Ohio.....	88,776,000	78,633,300	62,255,000	Davenport, Iowa.....	11,152,556	11,829,488	9,574,831
Columbus, Ohio.....	60,701,415	50,154,380	44,813,590	Des Moines, Iowa.....	27,252,635	30,474,723	21,716,408
Dayton, Ohio.....	23,102,581	37,182,098	19,731,672	Dubuque, Iowa.....	5,583,923	6,548,067	5,902,337
Detroit, Mich.....	111,174,267	126,511,219	126,511,219	Duluth, Minn.....	8,253,319	7,629,829	7,629,829
East St. Louis, Ills...	5,433,457	3,965,090	3,608,346	Fargo, N. D.....	7,012,115	9,757,051	5,738,608
Evanston, Ills.....	15,722,453	13,984,239	12,482,521	Kansas City, Kas.....	8,233,657	10,553,539	12,397,828
Evansville, Ind.....	7,684,474	5,616,312	6,188,272	Kansas City, Mo.....	49,719,000	63,376,000	58,674,000
Flint, Mich.....	29,445,455	34,121,275	32,243,220	Lincoln, Neb.....	14,227,927	20,472,203	14,896,929
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	16,241,951	14,826,187	18,777,323	Minneapolis, Minn....	34,971,545	44,728,918	36,944,406
Gary, Ind.....	22,304,720	24,148,424	25,578,611	Omaha, Neb.....	38,786,285	27,499,138	25,512,807
Grand Rapids, Mich...	9,404,755	12,850,985	11,317,196	St. Joseph, Mo.....	3,928,155	6,635,133	3,412,360
Green Bay, Wis.....	12,948,036	16,259,493	10,327,226	St. Louis, Mo.....	38,055,750	51,271,889	60,683,304
Hammond, Ind.....	12,928,248	16,471,161	14,755,868	St. Paul, Minn.....	39,172,554	37,943,484	37,943,484
Huntington, W. Va....	5,488,486	5,752,641	7,374,449	Sioux City, Iowa.....	5,573,957	6,742,245	5,850,349
Indianapolis, Ind....	50,360,248	35,082,640	40,475,751	Sioux Falls, S. D....	10,030,295	12,270,648	10,788,676
Lansing, Mich.....	14,764,878	14,608,997	10,538,955	Topeka, Kas.....	9,601,605	28,903,991	19,889,007
Lima, Ohio.....	3,461,888	4,926,720	2,342,185	Wichita, Kas.....	33,342,479	43,081,303	41,416,975
Louisville, Ky.....	33,295,189	32,449,181	27,562,580	Total West Central..	\$371,054,171	\$437,370,116	\$390,948,736
Madison, Wis.....	12,268,157	17,178,265	11,825,888	Mountain:			
Milwaukee, Wis.....	102,748,068	85,324,160	102,241,364	Albuquerque, N. Mex...	\$28,011,788	\$41,843,616	\$33,881,853
Newark, Ohio.....	4,740,978	5,197,403	3,413,290	Billings, Mont.....	8,613,380	7,962,840	8,895,720
Oak Park, Ills.....	3,885,011	3,295,209	4,073,944	Boise, Idaho.....	4,743,508	6,235,125	5,393,835
Peoria, Ills.....	11,689,949	13,432,684	7,101,166	Butte, Mont.....	1,253,203	1,127,361	1,230,294
Pontiac, Mich.....	7,829,876	9,469,793	9,471,793	Colorado Springs, Col.	21,097,796	22,663,232	13,501,181
Quincy, Ills.....	3,885,944	6,908,084	3,040,037	Denver, Colo.....	102,121,565	99,853,296	100,569,348
Racine, Wis.....	12,922,209	12,236,254	9,652,318	Great Falls, Mont....	7,747,695	7,233,793	4,511,074
Rochester, N. Y.....	21,063,740	19,197,760	15,205,695	Ogden, Utah.....	9,091,000	10,372,975	8,580,700
Saginaw, Mich.....	8,559,212	8,680,040	10,009,349	Phoenix, Ariz.....	35,415,918	22,059,150	18,141,104
South Bend, Ind.....	19,467,103	17,488,459	15,016,586	Pueblo, Colo.....	9,566,633	18,525,670	7,970,876
Springfield, Ills...	11,571,456	5,000,430	13,081,027	Salt Lake City, Utah	26,108,411	19,649,536	21,048,617
Springfield, Ohio...	4,471,220	4,278,985	2,524,003	Tucson, Ariz.....	24,116,416	12,027,001	9,184,619
Superior, Wis.....	2,642,209	1,234,157	1,738,797	Total Mountain.....	\$277,889,313	\$269,553,595	\$231,909,221
Terre Haute, Ind.....	2,330,133	3,362,140	3,686,124	Pacific:			
Toledo, Ohio.....	18,735,870	23,890,795	15,602,631	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$17,604,972	\$11,230,124	\$27,113,320
Waukegan, Ills.....	13,046,788	8,494,027	11,521,195	Berkeley, Cal.....	11,748,065	10,241,128	7,977,336
Wheeling, W. Va.....	5,329,306	10,044,285	5,162,250	Beverly Hills, Cal...	15,206,282	9,840,168	9,923,871
Youngstown, Ohio...	20,462,027	18,394,139	16,207,065	Fresno, Cal.....	15,874,615	28,443,716	22,422,659
Zanesville, Ohio.....	764,205	699,769	2,501,928	Glendale, Cal.....	16,435,468	16,851,701	15,907,022
Total East Central..	\$1,274,017,528	\$1,194,183,351	\$1,071,810,748	Long Beach, Cal.....	67,884,575	60,617,535	45,258,150
South Central:				Los Angeles, Cal.....	484,962,749	433,455,885	408,671,889
Abilene, Texas.....	\$21,815,208	\$20,299,962	\$14,734,424	Oakland, Cal.....	39,348,911	30,565,091	22,981,730
Amarillo, Texas.....	20,568,213	21,284,411	20,016,852	Pasadena, Cal.....	21,366,424	23,568,653	17,114,177
Austin, Texas.....	45,592,718	41,098,970	45,598,709	Portland, Ore.....	45,106,070	46,808,340	50,525,755
Beaumont, Texas.....	16,227,680	9,099,542	8,946,792	Sacramento, Cal.....	35,462,170	26,422,799	27,759,174
Birmingham, Ala...	38,793,396	39,744,187	27,473,189	San Diego, Cal.....	105,012,355	85,460,583	74,799,291
Chattanooga, Tenn...	11,981,613	7,480,880	10,631,970	San Francisco, Cal...	66,065,470	64,670,018	57,745,732
Dallas, Texas.....	135,967,074	166,994,592	142,609,046	San Jose, Cal.....	56,551,890	39,002,944	19,718,535
El Paso, Texas.....	28,031,813	37,373,877	30,091,904	Seattle, Wash.....	71,939,665	27,803,787	40,713,804
Fort Smith, Ark.....	5,276,876	4,381,541	4,464,525	Stockton, Cal.....	12,434,878	12,196,298	12,732,185
Fort Worth, Texas...	51,317,960	57,267,343	47,081,476	Tacoma, Wash.....	18,974,657	14,013,982	17,732,185
Galveston, Texas...	4,705,889	4,921,884	7,655,776	Total Pacific.....	\$1,144,782,837	\$1,022,132,417	\$953,445,718
Houston, Texas.....	151,407,340	137,136,953	165,338,198	Total 217 Cities....	\$6,196,884,821	\$5,922,796,969	\$5,342,254,562
Jackson, Miss.....	13,662,807	13,754,310	20,567,610				
Knoxville, Tenn....	11,796,726	11,545,563	12,303,802				
Little Rock, Ark...	9,061,871	11,370,037	19,048,792				
Memphis, Tenn.....	45,389,268	45,823,608	49,178,068				

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1955 TO DATE

TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
Jan.....	\$415,994,396	\$431,357,658	\$406,628,525	\$50,783,539	\$61,735,949	\$49,423,105	\$365,210,857	\$369,621,709
Feb.....	437,692,349	442,092,367	442,092,367	89,172,555	47,687,734	49,423,105	348,449,794	394,404,633
Mar.....	503,133,253	542,997,099	542,997,099	52,512,472	50,577,583	50,577,583	450,620,781	483,419,516
Apr.....	524,093,168	521,173,029	521,173,029	33,453,589	49,939,864	49,939,864	490,639,579	471,233,165
May.....	596,114,034	565,327,637	565,327,637	70,889,351	65,782,634	65,782,634	525,224,683	499,545,003
June.....	558,856,212	634,030,839	634,030,839	50,349,355	99,080,484	99,080,484	508,506,857	534,950,355
July.....	593,229,352	511,841,797	511,841,797	95,455,909	51,383,412	51,383,412	497,773,433	460,458,385
Aug.....	615,258,760	555,829,122	555,829,122	114,957,757	41,436,766	41,436,766	500,301,003	514,392,356
Sept.....	526,234,213	477,025,801	477,025,801	96,079,762	58,177,460	58,177,460	429,554,451	418,848,341
Oct.....	535,228,126	487,392,751	487,392,751	72,251,619	44,087,975	44,087,975	462,976,509	443,304,776
Nov.....	489,401,80c	429,366,384	429,366,384	74,795,675	55,764,815	55,764,815	414,606,191	373,601,569
Dec.....	386,355,826	349,091,618	349,091,618	49,355,515	45,921,585	45,921,585	337,000,313	303,970,033
Total.....	\$6,196,884,821	\$5,922,796,969	\$5,922,796,969	\$861,609,308	\$667,463,417	\$667,463,417	\$5,335,275,313	\$5,255,333,552

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	JAN. 1957	DEC. 1956	NOV. 1956	JAN. 1956	1956	TWELVE MONTHS 1955	1954	1953
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine.....	57	65	41	65	535	529	399	428
New Hampshire.....	40	46	34	48	476	435	390	357
Vermont.....	26	32	13	21	246	218	185	200
Massachusetts.....	457	526	293	379	4,202	4,125	3,783	3,587
Connecticut.....	282	155	143	209	2,344	2,230	1,898	1,745
Rhode Island.....	134	107	62	110	1,112	1,022	861	724
Total New England.....	996	931	593	832	8,922	8,629	7,516	7,041
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York.....	2,935	1,871	2,059	3,040	27,211	28,149	25,591	22,652
New Jersey.....	966	637	660	877	8,839	8,386	7,276	6,651
Pennsylvania.....	442	315	307	425	4,622	4,437	3,963	3,539
Total Middle Atlantic.....	4,343	2,823	3,026	4,342	40,672	40,972	36,830	32,842
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio.....	832	658	552	802	8,313	7,881	6,487	6,080
Indiana.....	273	171	149	186	2,211	2,182	1,832	1,721
Illinois.....	903	511	437	647	6,924	6,508	5,502	5,017
Michigan.....	394	289	262	395	4,385	4,530	4,042	3,159
Wisconsin.....	202	164	155	216	2,298	2,118	1,749	1,440
Total East North Central.....	2,604	1,793	1,555	2,246	24,131	23,219	19,612	17,417
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota.....	221	160	101	155	1,630	1,774	1,502	1,334
Iowa.....	100	72	58	69	766	748	570	490
Missouri.....	229	193	162	296	2,285	2,456	2,025	1,907
North Dakota.....	37	22	9	20	215	197	156	201
South Dakota.....	28	22	17	24	210	280	235	216
Nebraska.....	78	54	48	56	611	584	491	358
Kansas.....	97	75	54	87	811	1,028	790	574
Total West North Central.....	790	598	449	707	6,528	7,067	5,769	5,080
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland.....	238	134	212	198	2,573	2,627	2,299	2,069
Delaware.....	367	274	216	264	3,257	3,676	3,028	2,816
Virginia.....	151	171	137	233	2,157	1,930	1,741	1,593
West Virginia.....	109	56	38	97	719	719	659	606
North Carolina.....	184	103	114	174	1,765	1,813	1,508	1,406
South Carolina.....	62	61	48	114	928	881	757	672
Georgia.....	265	159	140	208	2,110	2,021	1,696	1,299
Florida.....	812	787	703	709	8,847	7,407	5,652	4,974
Total South Atlantic.....	2,188	1,745	1,608	1,997	22,356	21,074	17,340	15,435
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky.....	132	99	65	121	1,163	1,222	841	708
Tennessee.....	167	134	99	147	1,475	1,503	1,299	1,181
Alabama.....	127	66	66	103	1,076	1,039	784	666
Mississippi.....	81	47	42	62	654	629	515	435
Total East South Central.....	507	346	272	433	4,368	4,393	3,439	2,990
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas.....	77	75	49	74	710	559	402	434
Oklahoma.....	160	106	81	146	1,408	1,517	1,235	1,031
Louisiana.....	223	112	127	183	1,793	1,598	1,169	1,042
Texas.....	329	442	403	329	6,193	5,889	4,351	3,633
Total West South Central.....	789	735	660	732	10,104	9,563	7,157	6,140
MOUNTAIN								
Montana.....	53	22	26	15	337	391	341	297
Idaho.....	54	45	20	59	420	407	350	312
Wyoming.....	31	18	12	25	240	277	280	192
Colorado.....	203	137	123	143	1,755	2,011	1,465	938
New Mexico.....	50	45	38	29	452	480	364	323
Arizona.....	153	121	104	123	1,431	1,235	1,098	754
Utah.....	98	34	28	43	540	699	623	410
Nevada.....	83	79	57	80	1,008	1,507	1,062	869
Total Mountain.....	725	501	408	517	6,183	7,007	5,583	4,095
PACIFIC								
Washington.....	205	146	95	168	1,602	1,916	1,494	1,225
Oregon.....	164	101	68	108	1,110	1,168	892	834
California.....	1,321	1,069	1,015	1,281	14,799	14,643	11,532	9,446
Total Pacific.....	1,690	1,316	1,178	1,557	17,511	17,727	13,918	11,505
TOTAL 48 STATES.....	14,632	10,788	9,749	13,363	140,775	139,651	117,164	102,545

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1947 to Date

	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	14,632	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112
February.....	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111
March.....	12,922	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247
April.....	12,475	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802
May.....	13,142	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179
June.....	11,952	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922
July.....	11,513	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041
August.....	11,339	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055
September.....	9,583	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561
October.....	11,546	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609
November.....	9,749	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873
December.....	10,788	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126
Total.....	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638

Failures by Divisions of Industry—January 1957, 1956, and 1955

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955
Mining & Manufacturing:						
Mining—Coal, Oil, Misc.....	6	2	4	1,530	114	198
Food & Kindred Products....	13	16	20	1,599	883	1,067
Textile Mill Prods. & App'l..	53	50	46	2,517	2,487	2,401
Lumber & Products.....	34	30	23	2,592	1,204	677
Paper, Printing & Pub.....	11	9	14	607	256	769
Chemicals & Allied Prods....	3	4	3	687	1,747	656
Leather & Products.....	5	4	12	497	318	590
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods....	3	1	2	74	55	258
Iron, Steel & Products.....	10	12	14	1,572	1,881	1,400
Machinery.....	19	24	17	1,852	1,066	1,536
Transportation Equipment....	6	6	6	482	858	539
Miscellaneous.....	34	45	34	2,096	3,513	1,545
Total Mining & Mfg.....	197	209	195	16,105	14,442	11,636
Wholesale Trade:						
Food & Farm Products.....	18	30	30	1,242	1,072	1,028
Apparel.....	6	6	5	598	243	103
Dry Goods.....	1	3	5	41	69	211
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hdw.....	12	10	12	563	658	394
Chemicals & Drugs.....	1	6	4	18	119	117
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip..	46	47	54	2,275	1,865	2,444
Miscellaneous.....	46	47	54	2,275	1,865	2,444
Total Wholesale Trade.....	91	106	114	5,335	4,375	4,391
Retail Trade:						
Food & Liquor.....	101	85	83	1,656	1,130	1,580
General Merchandise.....	34	20	19	2,313	377	727
Apparel & Accessories.....	140	106	92	2,659	1,793	1,792
Furniture, Home Furnishings..	89	78	55	3,708	2,641	1,451
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hdw.....	32	37	24	768	1,129	591
Automotive Group.....	59	63	41	2,434	4,702	853
Eating & Drinking Places....	97	77	68	2,521	1,992	1,221
Drug Stores.....	14	9	11	1,032	115	198
Miscellaneous.....	49	60	63	771	1,057	1,234
Total Retail Trade.....	612	535	456	17,862	14,936	9,647
Construction:						
General Bldg. Contractors....	76	44	26	7,257	2,503	5,735
Building Sub-Contractors....	89	74	56	2,915	3,170	2,836
Other Contractors.....	12	8	5	500	490	473
Total Construction.....	177	126	87	10,672	6,163	9,044
Commercial Services:						
Pass. & Freight Transp.....	17	16	22	646	720	1,233
Misc. Public Service.....	2	1	3	379	18	124
Hotels.....	3	7	5	401	1,463	677
Cleaning-Dying-Repairing....	8	11	10	72	119	227
Laundries.....	4	4	6	929	161	279
Undertakers.....	1	..	..	10	..	..
Other Personal Services.....	7	1	1	52	48	75
Business & Repair Services...	30	27	32	1,594	445	539
Total Commercial Service...	71	72	87	4,086	2,974	3,154
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,148	1,048	939	54,060	42,890	37,872

Failures in Large Cities—January 1957, 1956, and 1955

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955
New York, N. Y.....	177	208	177	8,804	6,175	5,538
Chicago, Ills.....	31	23	26	755	2,676	642
Philadelphia, Pa.....	31	26	20	686	565	526
Detroit, Mich.....	20	14	4	613	506	123
Los Angeles, Cal.....	28	31	40	1,939	857	1,149
Cleveland, Ohio.....	12	7	0	355	236	158
Baltimore, Md.....	13	5	9	1,414	126	118
St. Louis, Mo.....	4	4	1	119	118	31
Boston, Mass.....	7	4	14	239	175	501
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	9	0	4	2,092	89	581
Washington, D. C.....	5	1	4	194	56	5,651
San Francisco, Cal.....	17	15	18	422	314	413
Milwaukee, Wisc.....	7	9	7	347	214	206
Buffalo, N. Y.....	8	7	5	761	648	263
New Orleans, La.....	1	4	4	194	129	119
Minneapolis, Minn.....	8	7	5	296	286	156
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5	4	4	167	62	147
Newark, N. J.....	7	11	10	258	1,401	554
Kansas City, Mo.....	5	3	..	334	144	..
Indianapolis, Ind.....	6	2	3	141	51	78
Houston, Texas.....	5	2	2	68	286	31
Seattle, Wash.....	10	7	4	336	159	63
Rochester, N. Y.....	8	6	4	385	531	46
Louisville, Ky.....	..	2	1	..	..	24
Denver, Col.....	13	7	2	845	183	26
Total 25 Cities.....	437	415	374	22,564	16,000	17,434
Balance of Country.....	711	633	565	31,496	26,890	20,438
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,148	1,048	939	54,060	42,890	37,872

United States Failures by States—January 1957, 1956, and 1955

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955
New England:						
Maine.....	2	3	4	19	23	69
New Hampshire.....	3	..	5	57	..	120
Vermont.....	2	..	1	65	..	21
Massachusetts.....	27	15	40	1,340	558	1,603
Connecticut.....	17	9	14	671	384	245
Rhode Island.....	20	19	10	603	2,823	92
Total New England.....	71	46	74	2,755	3,788	2,150
Middle Atlantic:						
New York.....	277	275	293	14,696	8,727	9,950
New Jersey.....	57	54	43	4,803	2,804	1,529
Pennsylvania.....	70	59	63	4,035	2,005	3,528
Total Middle Atlantic.....	404	388	329	23,534	13,536	12,007
East North Central:						
Ohio.....	45	29	31	2,977	1,026	633
Indiana.....	10	10	9	243	168	1,378
Illinois.....	46	37	30	1,113	3,368	680
Michigan.....	45	32	15	1,917	1,963	427
Wisconsin.....	17	25	23	481	664	517
Total East No. Cent....	163	133	108	6,731	7,189	3,635
West North Central:						
Minnesota.....	15	12	9	441	392	542
Iowa.....	2	11	4	39	456	65
Missouri.....	11	11	7	511	430	266
North Dakota.....	..	2	..	..	71	..
South Dakota.....	1	..	1	17	..	23
Nebraska.....	6	..	6	127	172	13
Kansas.....	6	4	1	741	204	38
Total West No. Cent....	41	46	23	1,876	1,725	947
South Atlantic:						
Maryland.....	20	11	11	1,066	593	289
Delaware.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dist. of Columbia.....	5	1	4	194	56	5,851
Virginia.....	11	5	3	367	109	50
West Virginia.....	7	..	..	240	92	80
North Carolina.....	4	10	5	315	231	262
South Carolina.....	11	4	11	117	142	558
Georgia.....	11	11	17	585	369	344
Florida.....	32	37	23	534	858	1,560
Total South Atlantic....	101	86	77	4,018	2,450	9,000
East South Central:						
Kentucky.....	2	4	2	27	32	33
Tennessee.....	14	19	11	604	293	190
Alabama.....	12	1	7	369	10	260
Mississippi.....	11	5	4	271	68	47
Total East So. Cent....	39	29	24	1,271	403	530
West South Central:						
Arkansas.....	4	..	6	198	..	328
Oklahoma.....	6	12	6	360	299	185
Louisiana.....	14	10	6	537	369	146
Texas.....	34	29	13	2,559	4,405	392
Total West So. Cent....	58	51	31	3,654	5,073	1,051
Mountains:						
Montana.....	3	4	..	82	8	..
Idaho.....	1	4	..	4	153	..
Wyoming.....	1	..	1	7	..	10
Colorado.....	18	9	2	1,071	284	26
New Mexico.....	..	1	..	..	1	..
Arizona.....	9	5	15	254	368	381
Utah.....	5	6	8	307	143	1,124
Nevada.....	3	8	1	121	1,007	15
Total Mountain.....	40	37	27	1,846	1,964	1,556
Pacific:						
Washington.....	37	19	15	1,003	495	444
Oregon.....	36	13	8	908	421	160
California.....	158	200	223	6,464	5,846	6,392
Total Pacific.....	231	232	246	8,375	6,762	6,996
TOTAL UNITED STATES...	1,148	1,048	939	54,060	42,890	37,872

Canadian Failures by Provinces—January 1957, 1956, and 1955

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955	JAN. 1957	JAN. 1956	JAN. 1955
Canada:						
Newfoundland.....	..	2	1	..	38	82
Prince Edward Island.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Brunswick.....	1	2	1	4	200	29
Quebec.....	61	72	88	3,322	1,753	1,774
Ontario.....	51	36	41	3,335	3,347	1,282
Manitoba.....	4	5	4	130	111	342
Saskatchewan.....	4	1	3	30	9	14
Alberta.....	2	..	..	365	..	..
British Columbia.....	4	2	9	388	30	395
TOTAL CANADA.....	147	120	147	7,574	5,488	3,918

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—January 1957, 1956, and 1955

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	JANUARY 1957				JANUARY 1956				JANUARY 1955			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MANUFACTURING.....	197	100.0	16,105	16,201	209	100.0	14,442	15,007	195	100.0	11,636	12,070
Under \$5,000.....	12	6.1	37	37	26	12.5	73	73	13	6.7	46	46
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	80	40.6	910	910	77	36.8	943	943	79	40.5	1,052	1,052
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	61	31.0	2,800	2,800	76	36.4	3,643	3,643	73	37.4	3,672	3,672
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	43	21.8	11,058	11,154	27	12.9	4,799	4,799	29	14.9	5,966	6,278
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.5	1,300	1,300	3	1.4	4,984	5,549	1	0.5	900	1,022
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	91	100.0	5,335	5,355	106	100.0	4,375	4,375	114	100.0	4,391	4,391
Under \$5,000.....	9	9.9	22	22	8	7.5	27	27	9	7.9	24	24
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	28	30.8	347	347	43	40.6	550	550	61	53.5	885	885
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	38	41.8	1,910	1,910	48	45.3	2,203	2,203	38	33.3	1,620	1,620
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	16	17.5	3,056	3,076	7	6.6	1,595	1,595	5	4.4	841	841
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.9	1,015	1,015
RETAIL TRADE.....	612	100.0	17,862	18,511	535	100.0	14,936	15,008	456	100.0	9,647	10,286
Under \$5,000.....	118	19.3	320	320	114	21.3	316	316	75	16.4	220	220
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	331	54.1	3,952	3,952	283	52.9	3,514	3,514	275	60.3	3,313	3,313
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	133	21.7	5,880	5,880	120	22.4	5,066	5,066	96	21.1	4,386	4,386
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	30	4.9	7,710	8,359	17	3.2	3,040	3,172	10	2.2	1,728	2,367
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	1	0.2	3,000	3,000	..	..	..	..
CONSTRUCTION.....	177	100.0	10,672	10,672	126	100.0	6,163	6,288	87	100.0	9,044	9,099
Under \$5,000.....	17	9.6	43	43	13	10.3	31	31	16	18.4	50	50
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	67	37.9	817	817	50	39.7	651	651	34	39.1	62	62
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	65	36.7	3,119	3,119	48	38.1	2,416	2,416	23	26.4	960	960
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	28	15.8	6,693	6,693	15	11.9	3,065	3,100	12	13.8	1,822	1,877
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2.3	5,730	5,730
COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....	71	100.0	4,086	4,086	72	100.0	2,974	2,974	87	100.0	3,154	3,154
Under \$5,000.....	17	23.9	49	49	17	23.6	51	51	20	23.0	48	48
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	37	52.1	438	438	37	51.4	443	443	35	40.2	448	448
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	9	12.7	379	379	11	15.3	542	542	26	29.9	1,278	1,278
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	7	9.9	1,956	1,956	7	9.7	1,938	1,938	6	6.9	1,380	1,380
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	1.4	1,264	1,264	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	1,148	100.0	54,060	54,825	1,048	100.0	42,890	43,712	939	100.0	37,872	39,000
Under \$5,000.....	173	15.0	471	471	178	17.0	498	498	135	14.2	388	388
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	543	47.3	6,464	6,464	490	46.7	6,101	6,101	484	51.5	6,160	6,160
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	306	26.7	14,088	14,088	303	28.9	13,870	13,870	256	27.3	11,942	11,942
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	124	10.8	30,473	31,238	73	7.0	14,437	14,694	62	6.6	11,737	12,743
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.2	2,564	2,564	4	0.4	7,984	8,549	4	0.4	7,645	7,767

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—January 1957

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
Districts:	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	11	665	5	423	37	1,241	11	317	2	10	66	2,655
New York.....(2).....	84	6,294	25	1,598	154	4,900	43	3,893	18	1,228	324	17,913
Philadelphia.....(3).....	14	422	5	245	31	1,113	16	1,060	4	25	70	2,865
Cleveland.....(4).....	4	1,749	9	425	36	1,868	10	526	3	1,291	62	5,859
Richmond.....(5).....	7	1,373	3	126	37	695	8	328	2	352	57	2,874
Atlanta.....(6).....	10	497	6	234	42	768	18	747	4	118	80	2,364
Chicago.....(7).....	13	1,083	10	839	71	1,365	13	315	8	102	115	3,704
St. Louis.....(8).....	2	29	3	335	9	163	3	192	..	..	17	719
Minneapolis.....(9).....	2	63	1	14	14	265	1	54	5	237	23	620
Kansas City.....(10).....	8	1,501	5	187	19	685	10	295	2	29	44	2,697
Dallas.....(11).....	4	1,025	2	63	26	568	9	888	2	265	43	2,749
San Francisco.....(12).....	36	1,404	17	859	136	4,231	35	2,057	21	489	247	9,040
Total United States.....	197	16,105	91	5,335	612	17,862	177	10,672	71	4,086	1,148	54,060

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index			Adjusted Index		
	1957	1956	1955	1957	1956	1955
January.....	50.4	47.9	42.9	48.0	46.1	40.9
February.....	..	50.9	45.6	..	43.5	38.6
March.....	..	49.5	44.0	..	46.4	41.1
April.....	..	45.2	39.7	..	42.2	36.8
May.....	..	51.3	43.7	..	48.9	41.6
June.....	..	48.7	40.2	..	49.2	40.6
July.....	..	46.4	39.1	..	49.9	42.0
August.....	..	46.5	37.4	..	51.7	41.6
September.....	..	44.2	37.5	..	51.4	43.6
October.....	..	50.6	41.9	..	53.3	44.6
November.....	..	49.5	46.8	..	48.5	46.3
December.....	..	44.8	39.8	..	47.2	42.3
Mo. Average..	50.4	48.0	41.6	42.0	..	..

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the failure record, have a special meaning; they include all notes and accounts payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Con- struction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February.....	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March.....	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April.....	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May.....	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June.....	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July.....	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August.....	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September.....	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October.....	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November.....	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December.....	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year.....	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January.....	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February.....	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March.....	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April.....	985	186	18.9	92	9.4	463	47.0	153	15.5	91	9.2
May.....	1,164	245	21.1	118	10.1	575	49.4	132	11.3	94	8.1
June.....	1,105	183	16.5	115	10.4	551	49.9	163	14.8	93	8.4
July.....	1,018	165	16.2	85	8.4	540	53.0	141	13.9	87	8.5
August.....	1,101	195	17.7	98	8.9	567	51.5	146	13.3	95	8.6
September.....	932	140	15.0	85	9.1	489	52.5	146	15.7	72	7.7
October.....	1,158	198	17.1	112	9.7	584	50.4	182	15.7	82	7.1
November.....	999	166	16.6	94	9.4	482	48.3	171	17.1	86	8.6
December.....	982	172	17.5	72	7.3	472	48.1	183	18.6	83	8.5
Total Year.....	12,686	2,285	18.0	1,207	9.5	6,341	50.0	1,834	14.5	1,019	8.0
1957											
January.....	1,148	197	17.2	91	7.9	612	53.3	177	15.4	71	6.2
February.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
March.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1955 to Date

1955	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February.....	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March.....	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April.....	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May.....	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June.....	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July.....	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August.....	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September.....	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October.....	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November.....	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December.....	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year.....	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January.....	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February.....	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March.....	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April.....	985	137	13.9	489	49.7	279	28.3	76	7.7	4	0.4
May.....	1,164	194	16.7	579	49.7	278	23.9	109	9.4	4	0.3
June.....	1,105	193	17.5	505	45.7	322	29.1	81	7.3	4	0.4
July.....	1,018	175	17.2	486	47.7	302	29.7	50	4.9	5	0.5
August.....	1,101	198	18.0	515	46.8	269	24.4	111	10.1	8	0.7
September.....	932	127	13.6	487	52.3	245	26.3	71	7.6	2	0.2
October.....	1,158	188	16.2	560	48.3	303	26.2	104	9.0	3	0.3
November.....	999	152	15.2	491	49.2	282	28.2	72	7.2	2	0.2
December.....	982	147	15.0	488	49.7	263	26.8	79	8.0	5	0.5
Total Year.....	12,686	2,032	16.0	6,152	48.5	3,431	27.0	1,022	8.1	49	0.4
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January.....	1,148	173	15.0	543	47.3	306	26.7	124	10.8	2	0.2
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